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Re: Arizona Public Service Company's 2012 RES Implementation Plan
Docket No. E-01345A-11-0264

This Joint Statement between Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") and the Solar Alliance (collectively referred to as the "Parties") confirms that they have collaboratively worked to clarify questions about the APS 2012 RES Implementation Plan ("the Plan") so that future Commission deliberations on the Plan can be effectively focused on the most significant policy issues at hand. To that end, APS and Solar Alliance would like all parties to the docket to be informed that we support the following statement, with regard to the Schools and Government program, made as part of the Staff Memorandum and Proposed Order of October 25, 2011:

"...over the past few months there has been a healthy discussion between the Solar Alliance and APS over which approach, utility-owned or third-party owned, is the best deal for ratepayers. This issue was discussed at the APS REST stakeholder meeting on September 30, 2011. At that meeting, it appeared that APS and the Solar Alliance agreed that the cost to nonparticipating ratepayers was about comparable, no matter who owned the system. Basically, this means that neither approach is vastly superior to the other in terms of impacts on non participating customers. Assuming that is correct, Staff believes that the Commission should consider the second aspect of the issue."

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this matter and look forward to a timely decision in the Docket. Please note that nothing in this letter should be construed as agreement to other aspects of the Staff Proposed Order and the Parties reserve the opportunity to docket comments.

Signed this 4th day of November, 2011

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